

# Report on QCDOC

All Hands' Meeting  
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# Available Hardware

12 water cooled racks (12288 nodes)

Air Cooled Crates (1024 nodes)



Single Slot Back Plane (SSBP8 and 9)





## QCDOC Current Status

(Water-Cooled Racks Only)

Partition (Click for partition details)	Allocated? (Click to Allocate)	Alloc. User	Run User (Click for User Jobs)	Run Time [Days-]Hrs:Mins:Secs
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<a href="#">rack16/crate1</a>	True	cschmidt	-	-
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<a href="#">rack17/crate1</a>	True	cschmidt	-	-
<a href="#">rack18-19</a>	True	cmiao	-	-
<a href="#">rack20</a>	True	cmiao	<a href="#">cmiao</a>	03:53:09
<a href="#">rack21</a>	True	mabramcz	<a href="#">mabramcz</a>	1-07:08:43
<a href="#">rack22</a>	True	cmiao	<a href="#">cmiao</a>	19:57:56
<a href="#">rack23</a>	True	endres	<a href="#">endres</a>	04:32:40
<a href="#">rack24-27</a>	True	chulwoo	<a href="#">chulwoo</a>	16:41:04
<a href="#">ssbp8-9</a>	True	qiliu	-	-

[Current Status](#)

[List All Running Jobs](#)

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<http://www3.bnl.gov/qcdoc/status/>

Racks 16, 17	4 x 512-nodes	PI: Peter Petreczky (p4 Thermo)
Racks 18, 19	1 x 2048 partition	
Racks 20, 21, 22, 23	4 x 1024	PI: Peter Petreczky PI: Tom Blum PI: Mike Endres
Racks 24, 25, 26, 27	1 x 4096 partition 64 <sup>3</sup> x 192	PI: S. Sharpe
	2 x 2048 48 <sup>3</sup> x 144	



# Future Plans for the USQCD QCDOC machine

- Project allocation ends **12/31/2010**
- There is funding available to continue running the machine until the **03/31/2011**. Machine will run in a “friendly user” mode.
- The machine may run for longer if additional funding becomes available and the resources it requires (space , power, etc.) are not needed by other projects.

# The Blue Gene Experience: New York Blue



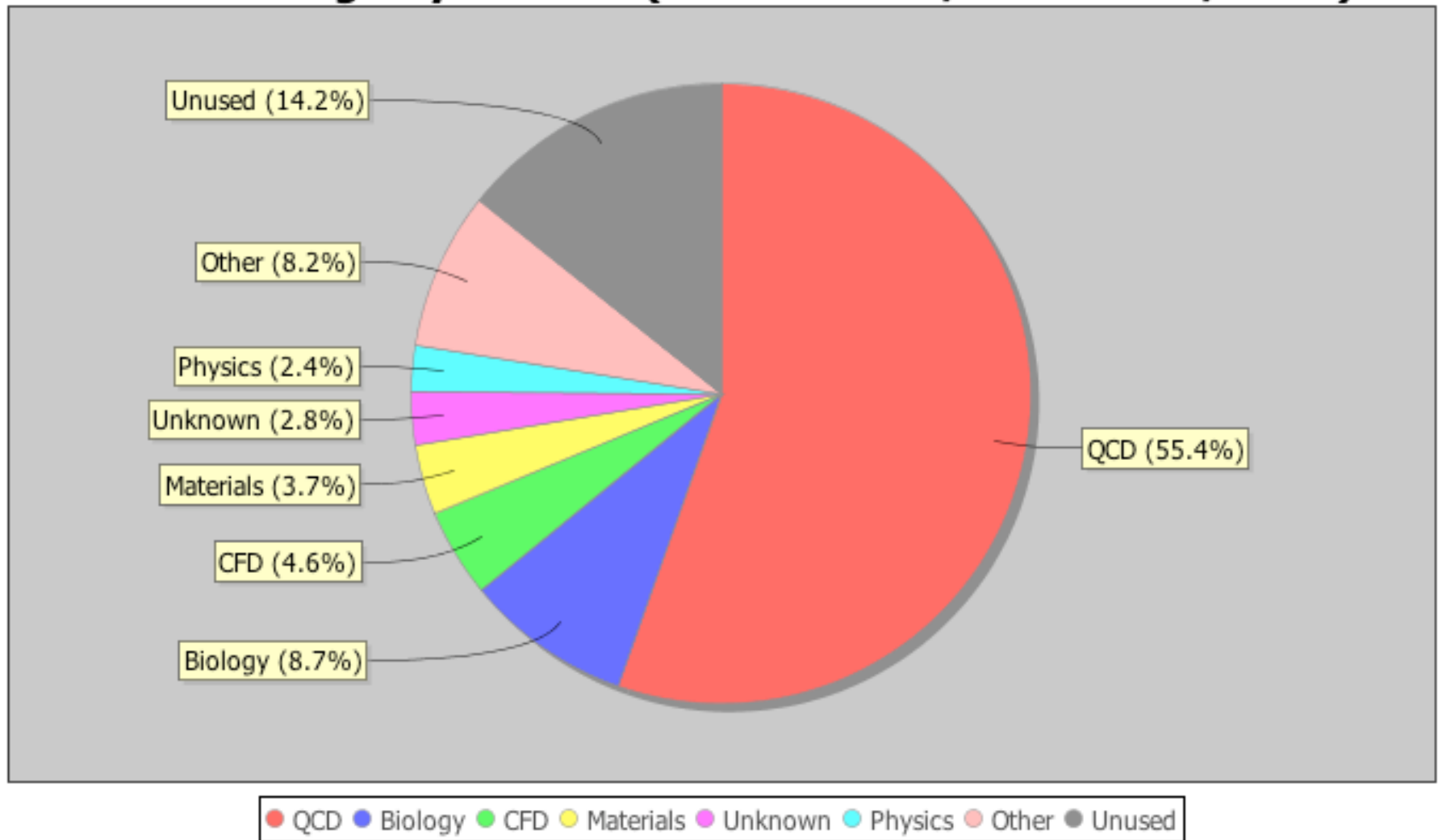
- 18 racks of BG/L
- 103 TFlops peak
- Installed spring 2007

- 2 racks of BG/P
- 28 Tflops peak
- Installed Dec. 2007

- Blue Gene machines are very reliable.
- Most of the technical issues are handled by BNL people.



## NYBlue Usage by Domain (Annual - Mar/2009 - Feb/2010)





# Exploring the possibilities of the next Blue Gene Machine for LQCD at BNL

- IBM is planning the next version of Blue Gene **BG/Q**. We expect commercial hardware in **2012**.
- Members of USQCD have been given **access under NDA** to BG/Q simulation hardware. Chulwoo Jung (BNL) has been compiling and running QCD code on BG/Q.
- Peter Boyle (Edinburgh) has written **high performance kernels** with remarkable efficiency for DWF and a strategy for staggered fermions is being developed.
- The **processor-memory interface** has been designed by a Columbia/Edinburgh/RBRC team so explicit care has been taken that QCD will run efficiently on this machine.
- BG/Q should be highly efficient for QCD with at least **10-20 times the performance of BG/P per node**.

# Exploring the possibility of the next Blue Gene Machine for LQCD at BNL

- We expect the performance of QCD on BG/Q to be very competitive with clusters while supporting a larger range of gauge configuration generation projects.
- Given BNL's strong experience with previous versions of Blue Gene ( L and P) and Columbia/Edinburgh/RBRC software and hardware expertise, BNL would be eager to host a BG/Q machine.

# User Support

## QCDOC Team at BNL (Led by Bob Mawhinney)

- Management
  - Eric Blum
    - BNL Site Mgr for the LQCD Computing Project
    - BCF Mgr
- Software
  - Efstratios Efstathiadis
  - Chulwoo Jung
  - Oliver Witzel
- Hardware
  - Joe Depace
  - Robert Riccobono





RBRC (right) and DOE (left) 12K-node QCDOC machines